

2007. For 13 years, MacDonald Gallion served as Alabama's attorney general. He was a personal friend of mine and along with the entire State of Alabama, I mourn his passing.

Born in Montgomery and raised in Birmingham, MacDonald Gallion moved to Tuscaloosa in the 1930s to attend the University of Alabama. While at the university, MacDonald Gallion studied law and subsequently received his bachelor of law degree in 1937. That same year, he returned to Birmingham where he began his law practice.

In 1941, following the start of World War II, MacDonald Gallion took a leave of absence from his law practice to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his country with great valor, witnessing extreme combat in the South Pacific. While serving abroad, he was wounded at Saipan and was later awarded a Purple Heart. He received several other honors for courage and returned to the United States as first lieutenant.

Upon his return from war, MacDonald Gallion relocated to Montgomery to serve as assistant attorney general for the State of Alabama. However, after several years, he resigned to return to private practice.

Later, MacDonald Gallion would again be called to serve his State. He was appointed special counsel to Governor Gordon Persons during the historic Phenix City Trials and was asked in 1955 to serve as chief assistant attorney general to Attorney General John M. Patterson. In 1958, MacDonald Gallion was elected to serve as attorney general for the State of Alabama. He would again be elected to this position in 1966.

MacDonald Gallion served two terms as Alabama's attorney general. During his tenure, MacDonald Gallion led successful litigation in several significant cases including one that established Alabama's offshore oil and gas rights. This historic ruling would later pave the way for the State's multimillion-dollar trust fund. He also led the successful litigation against loansharks. At the time, this was the largest litigation of its kind in the United States.

Active in his community, MacDonald Gallion was a member of many civic organizations and legal associations. He held the position of assistant editor at the Alabama Lawyer and was listed among the "Who's Who in America." He was instrumental in the founding of the Alabama District Attorney's Association. For his many accomplishments and contributions to Alabama, MacDonald Gallion was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

MacDonald Gallion will be missed by his son Thomas Travis Gallion III, and his daughter Mallory Gallion Bear. He will be remembered for his dedication and decades of service to the State of Alabama. I ask the entire Senate to join me in recognition of the life of MacDonald Gallion.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2358) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, that Messrs. GEORGE MILLER of California, ANDREWS, SCOTT of Virginia, HINOJOSA, TIERNEY, WU, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. DAVIS of Illinois, BISHOP of New York, Ms. HIRONO, Messrs. ALTMIRE, YARMUTH, COURTNEY, MCKEON, KELLER of Florida, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. FOXX, Messrs. KUHLMANN of New York, WALBERG, SOUDER, EHLERS, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. PRICE of Georgia, be managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

H.R. 694. An act to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2850. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2992. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3020. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 196. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

At 6:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 632. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Paul E. Gillmor, a Representative, from the State of Ohio.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2850. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2992. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3020. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations, and referred as indicated:

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2419. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3221. An act moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2890. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Mentor-Protege Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2891. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Revisions to Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 8457-2) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2892. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8142-4) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2893. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Consolidated Federal Air Rule" (FRL No. 8459-5) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2894. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8452-1) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2895. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8458-9) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2896. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Two Optional Methods for Relative Accuracy Test Audits of Mercury Monitoring Systems Installed on Combustion Flue Gas Streams and Several Amendments to Related Mercury Monitoring Provisions" (FRL No. 8459-8) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2897. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Endangered Species Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Remove the Idaho Springsnail From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AU66) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2898. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Catesbaea melanocarpa*" (RIN1018-AU76) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2899. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Hine's Emerald Dragonfly" (RIN1018-AU74) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2900. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Establishment of Interim Progress for the Annual Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8461-5) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2901. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flusilazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8138-6) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2902. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8135-6) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2903. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propylene Oxide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8143-9) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2904. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8142-1) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2905. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Revised Denver and Longmont Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plans, and Approval of Related Revisions" (FRL No. 8453-5) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2906. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona-Phoenix PM-10 Non-attainment Area; Salt River Area Plan for Attainment of the 24-hour PM-10 Standard" (FRL No. 8446-1) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2907. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho and Washington; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 8456-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2908. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Louisiana; Clean Air Mercury Rule" (FRL No. 8455-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2909. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-5) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2910. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8140-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2911. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cis-isomer of 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8122-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2912. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fipronil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8142-6) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2913. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lambda-Cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8143-1) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2914. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2915. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-6) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2916. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus-Weak Strain; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2917. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Year in Trade 2006"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2918. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2007 Data Book: Healthcare Spending and the Medicare Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2919. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Financial Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program: Payment Error Rate Measurement" (RIN0938-AN77) (Docket No. CMS-6026-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2920. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program, Hospice Wage Index For Fiscal Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO72) (Docket No. CMS-1539-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2921. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships" (RIN0938-AK67) (Docket No. CMS-1810-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2922. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1045 Application to Partnerships" (RIN1545-BC67) (TD 9353)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2923. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expenses for Household and Dependent Care Services Necessary for Gainful Employment" (RIN1545-BB86) (TD 9354)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2924. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disregarded Entities; Employment and Excise Taxes" (RIN1545-BE43) (TD 9356)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2925. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transaction of Interest—Contribution of Successor Member Interest" (Notice 2007-72) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2926. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Under Section 6655 Regarding Estimated Tax Payments by Corporations" (RIN1545-AY22) (TD 9347)) received on August 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2927. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-68) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2928. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Country-by-Country Reporting to Shareholders of Foreign Taxes Paid by Regulated Investment Companies" (TD 9357) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2929. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination and Closing Procedures for Form 8697, Look-Back Interest" (LMSB-04-0207-048) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2930. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Notice 2003-81" (Notice 2007-71) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2931. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2007-55) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2932. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biotech Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-019) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Low Normal Retirement Age" (Notice 2007-69) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2934. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2007-58) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2935. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-018) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2936. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Production Deduction Industry Director Directive" (LMSB-04-0707-049) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2937. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Section 6411 Regulations" (RIN1545-BF66) (TD 9355)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2938. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pharmaceutical Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-010) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2939. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Notice 2006-89—Section 906 of the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Notice 2007-67) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2940. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Rev. Rul. 94-62" (Rev. Rul. 2007-58) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2941. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—September 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-57) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2942. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the transfer of hardware, technical data, and defense services to Canada for the NIMIQ 5/6/5R Satellites Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2943. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, two agreements between the American Institute in Taiwan and American organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2944. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-161—2007-180); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles relating to the maintenance of the C-130 fleet of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles for the manufacture of 25MM Turrets for Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2947. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles to support repair and modification of Singapore's AH-64D helicopters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2948. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effectiveness of UN efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in its peacekeeping missions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2949. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Joint Strategic Plan of the Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development for fiscal years 2007 to 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2950. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Amendments to Civil Penalties under ERISA Section 502(c)(7)" (RIN1210-AB23) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2951. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Disabled Veterans, Recently Separated Veterans, Other Protected Veterans, and Armed Forces Service Medal Veterans" (RIN1215-AB46) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2952. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2953. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2954. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Office of Civil Rights for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2955. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2956. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2957. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2958. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2959. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Budget Request Act for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2960. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "5 CFR Part 990" (RIN3206-AJ97) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2961. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Eligibility for Presidential Rank Awards to Employees in Senior-Level and Scientific-Professional Positions" (RIN3206-AJ65) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2962. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2963. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2964. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2965. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2966. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2967. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Emergency Management Agency Touth Regulations" (RIN1660-AA54) (Docket No. FEMA-2007-0006) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2968. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2969. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 to 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2970. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Practice for Continued Examination Filings, Patent Applications Containing Patentably Indistinct Claims, and Examination of Claims in Patent Applications" ((RIN0651-AB93) (RIN0651-AB94)) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Of-

fice of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau of Justice Assistance's annual report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2972. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Exemptions for Chemical Mixtures Containing the List I Chemicals Ephedrine and/or Pseudoephedrine" (RIN1117-AB11) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2973. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting U.S. Attorney, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 376. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-150).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2018. A bill to allow the Department of Housing and Urban Development to better serve persons with limited proficiency in the English language by providing technical assistance to recipients of Federal funds; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2019. A bill to prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls on certain highways constructed using Federal funds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. AL-EXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr.